

State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster

Budget Communications Memo



Call to Action and Incentives for Teaching in High Needs Schools

Background

Burmaster's budget provides a means to attract the best, brightest, and most experienced teachers to the classrooms of our high needs schools to truly raise achievement. Her call to action and service to all experienced, nationally board certified and master educators in Wisconsin urging them to teach in the state's high-needs schools, especially in Milwaukee and small rural communities. The budget would provide an additional \$2,500 for nine years as an incentive for teaching by national board certified and master educators in high-needs schools. Finally, the devoted people who educate our children every day deserve no less than the repeal of the QEO.

Budget Request

	FY 08	FY 08
Grants for Master Educators	\$208,000	\$342,600
Provide funding to increase the existing sum sufficient national teacher certification grant appropriation to allow teachers receiving master educator licenses through the state process to receive the same grants as those master educators receiving licenses through national certification. In addition, the department requests the program be modified beginning in FY08 to provide an incentive to grant recipients to work in high poverty schools by providing \$5,000, rather than \$2,500, for continuing grants as long as the recipient is employed in a school in which at least 60 percent of the school's pupil population is eligible for free/reduced price lunch.		
National Teacher Certification Reestimate	\$129,400	\$317,800
Provide funding for payment to teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). In addition, the department requests that the program be modified beginning in FY08 to provide an incentive to grant recipients to work in high poverty schools by providing \$5,000, rather than \$2,500, for continuing grants as long as the recipient is employed in a school in which at least 60 percent of the school's pupil population is eligible for FRL.		
Elimination of Qualified Economic Offer	\$0	\$0
Repeal the QEO provisions related to teacher collective bargaining. Through this action, teachers will no longer be constrained by an artificial limit in terms of their ability to bargain compensation increases. Teachers will be able to collectively bargain under essentially the same parameters as other represented public employees.		

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